

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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Dear Allen:

As you know, Leo Cherne and Dick Saltzmann came to see me after seeing you last Friday. A rather interesting angle developed during their report on their recent Berlin trip.

They asked me what I thought should be done to help the group of June 17 rioters still in our sector of Berlin, since these rioters were getting pretty desperate and wanted to get out of Berlin to Western Germany where they could earn a living, which they apparently cannot do in Berlin.

I told them that I thought it was important that these people should remain in Berlin rather than get dispersed all over Western Germany, and that they should remain as a group with some kind of group solidarity, or at least fraternal bonds.

Speaking personally, I didn't think that IRC could afford to give them support as a group, as this would simply add to IRC's already existing problem of being accused of political rather than welfare activity. If IRC was to give any support, it was to be on an individual relief basis.

However, if IRC wanted to enlist private help for these people as a group, that would be perfectly okay, and I suggested that maybe this might be a project in which John L. Lewis and his miners might be interested. This might be a quick and fairly cheap way for Lewis in one dramatic jump to catch up with A. F. of L. and CIO in the international free labor field.

Finally, I told them that they should make no move without advance consultation with you and if possible a blessing from you.

With the unrest that there is likely to be this coming winter, this might be a most interesting group with which you might have some remote control connections.

All the best,


C. D. Jackson

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